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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Edgardo San Martin (3) _____
(2) John Carney (4) _____

Date of Interview 12/23/03

Type: ☐ Telephonic ☐ Televideo Conference ☒ Personal (copy is given to ☐ applicant ☒ applicant's representative).

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, brief description: _____

Agreement ☒ was reached. ☐ was not reached.

Claim(s) discussed: Claim 1

Identification of prior art discussed: Flugger (US 5,892,186) and Heath (US 3,863,445)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Proposed new limitation that established that the projection is projecting into the sound absorbing material, the Examiner agrees that the limitation would overcome the rejection over the prior art of record. The Examiner advised the applicant that further search is needed to assure the novelty of such limitation, the examiner compromise to not rush an Adv. Act. based on the filing of an amendment after final rejection.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.

Unless the paragraph above has been checked to indicate to the contrary. A FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW.

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an attachment to another form.

E. San Martin 12/23/03